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SUBJ: LIBYA RESPONDS TO DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN

1. IN DESPATCH DATED JUNE 14 LIBYA'S OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY
(ARAB REVOLUTIONARY NEWS AGENCY OR ARNA) REPORTS DEPARTMENT'S
SPOKESMAN JUNE 13 REMARKS TO EFFECT THAT US WELCOMES
RESTORATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ITSELF AND THE JAMAHIRIYAH
AND THAT US SPOEKSMAN INSISTED THAT JAMAHIRIYAH MUST ACCEPT
US POLICY WHICH SEEKS TO FIND COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST
SETTLEMENT AND STOP SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

2. ARNA POLITICAL EDITOR COMMENTED ON STATEMENT SAYING
ISSUE OF THE ARAB NATION BASED ON LIBERATING TERRITORY
OCCUPIED SINCE 1967 AND RETURN OF PALESTINIANS TO THEIR
HOMELAND AND ADDED THAT WE WELCOME ALL EFFORTS WHICH WOULD
LEAD TO WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN ARMIES FROM OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES OE GYPT AND SYRIA AND THE RETURN OF
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO THEIR HOMELAND. ARNA EDITOR
REPORTED AS SAYING THAT EFFORTS IN THESE DIRECTIONS
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WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE JAMAHIRIYAH. AT SAME TIME
ARNA ASSERTED LIBYA SUPPORTS STRUGGLE OF PALESTINIANS
WHOSE TERRITORIES WERE OCCUPIED JUST AS IT SUPPORTS
STRUGGLES OF AFRICAN PEOPLE IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA
AND SOUTH AFRICA. EDITOR CALLED ON US TO EXERT
EFFORTS ALONG WITH OTHERS TO ELIMINATE RACISM IN
PALESTINE AND AFRICA.

3. IN REFERENCE TO CHARGES OF SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, REPORT CLAIMED JAMAHIRIYAH READY TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE IN THE UN ADDING THAT LIBYA ONLY COUNTRY WHICH HAS ENACTED STRIDENT LAWS AGAINST TERRORISM. LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH TERRORISM. TERRORISM, HE CLAIMED, IS PRINCIPALLY EXERCISED BY THE SUPERPOWERS. EDITOR CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT DIRECT DIALOGUE IS THE MEANS TO UNDERSTANDING.

4. LIBYA HAS APPARENTLY CHOSEN TO INTERPRET DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS IN MOST POSITIVE WAY AND HAS QUICKLY RESPONDED PERHAPS IN HOPES OF PROMOTING FURTHER DIALOGUE. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT ARNA VERSION OF LIBYAN VIEWS OF PALESTINIAN ISSUE ARE MOST MODERATE TO YET SURFACE AND STAND IN CONTRAST TO MORE EXTREMIST POSITIONS TAKEN BY COLONEL QADHAFI AND OTHERS IN RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS. STATEMENTS ON TERRORISM ARE STANDARD LIBYAN POSITION THAT SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE IS FULLY JUSTIFIED, HOWEVER, OFFER TO DISCUSS SUBJECT IN UN MAY BE NEW DEPARTURE.
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